

**Moduli Spaces of Holomorphic Mappings into Hyperbolically  
Imbedded Complex Spaces and Locally Symmetric Spaces**

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**Introduction**

The aim of this talk is to describe the results of Noguchi [14]. Let  $X$  be a connected Zariski open subset of a compact reduced complex space  $\bar{X}$  such that  $X$  is complete hyperbolic and hyperbolically imbedded into  $\bar{X}$  (cf. [7, 16]). Let  $N$  be a Zariski open subset of a compact complex manifold  $\bar{N}$  such that  $\partial N = \bar{N} - N$  is a hypersurface with only normal crossings; in some case, we consider the case of  $\partial N = \emptyset$ . Here we study the structure of the moduli space  $\text{Hol}(N, X)$  of all holomorphic mappings  $f: N \rightarrow X$  of  $N$  into  $X$ . Especially interesting is the case where  $X$  is the quotient  $\Gamma \backslash D$  of a

symmetric bounded domain  $D$  by a torsion-free arithmetic subgroup  $\Gamma$  of the identity component  $\text{Aut}^0(D)$  of the holomorphic transformation group  $\text{Aut}(D)$  of  $D$ . It is known that  $\Gamma \backslash D$  is complete hyperbolic and hyperbolically imbedded into the Satake compactification  $\overline{\Gamma \backslash D}$  of  $\Gamma \backslash D$  (cf. [10, 2, 8, 9]). Besides the interesting results of [20, 21, 18], the present work is motivated by the results on the Parshin-Arakelov theorems for curves [17, 1] and Abelian varieties [5]. Cf. also [13]. Let  $\pi: \bar{Y} \rightarrow \bar{N}$  be a fiber space over  $\bar{N}$  which is smooth over  $N$ , such that the fibers  $Y_x = \pi^{-1}(x)$  with  $x \in N$  are curves with a given genus  $g$  or  $g$ -dimensional Abelian varieties with principal polarization. Then, roughly speaking, the fiber space naturally induces a holomorphic mapping  $f: N \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash S_g$ , where  $S_g$  denotes Siegel's generalized upper half space. Then the deformation of  $\pi: \bar{Y} \rightarrow \bar{N}$  as fiber space over  $\bar{N}$  with degeneration at most over  $\partial N$  and the total space of such fiber spaces correspond respectively to the deformation of the holomorphic mapping  $f$  and the moduli space  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash S_g)$ . Thus it is quite natural to deal with the case where  $N$  and  $\Gamma \backslash D$  are non-compact. In the case where  $N$  is compact, there is an earlier work for a fiber space of Abelian varieties by [11].

### §1. Holomorphic mappings into hyperbolically imbedded spaces

The natural topology of  $\text{Hol}(N, X)$  which we endow with is the compact-open topology. We first prove an extension

and convergence theorem.

**Theorem (1.1).** Let  $X$  be a hyperbolic complex space and hyperbolically imbedded into  $\bar{X}$ . Let  $N$  be a complex manifold  $\bar{N}$  minus a hypersurface with only normal crossings. If a sequence  $\{f_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  of  $f_\nu \in \text{Hol}(N, X)$  converges to a holomorphic mapping  $f: N \rightarrow \bar{X}$ , then there are unique holomorphic extensions  $\bar{f}_\nu: \bar{N} \rightarrow \bar{X}$  of  $f_\nu$  and  $\bar{f}: \bar{N} \rightarrow \bar{X}$  of  $f$ , and  $\{\bar{f}_\nu\}$  converges uniformly on compact subsets of  $\bar{N}$  to  $\bar{f}$ .

As for the extension theorem, this generalizes the result of [7], but the method of the proof is different. It will play a fundamental role in our arguments. In the proof of Theorem (1.1) we use the following lemma (cf. [14] for the details).

**Lemma (1.2)** (cf. [19]). Let  $B(R)$  be the open ball of the  $m$ -dimensional complex vector space  $C^m$  with radius  $R$  and center  $0$ . Let  $S$  be an analytic subset of pure dimension  $k$  of  $B(R)$  such that  $0 \in S$ . Then we have

$$\text{Vol}(S \cap B(r)) \geq \frac{\pi^k}{k!} r^{2k}$$

for  $0 < r < R$ . Moreover, if the equality holds for some  $r > 0$ , then  $S$  is a linear subspace of  $C^m$ .

In what follows, we assume that  $\bar{N}$  and  $\bar{X}$  are compact, and that  $X$  is a Zariski open subset of  $\bar{X}$ , complete hyperbolic and hyperbolically imbedded into  $\bar{X}$ . Combining Theorem (1.1) with the Douady theory [3], we have

**Theorem (1.3).** Hol(N, X) carries a structure of a complex space with universal property, such that its underlying topology coincides with the compact-open topology, and

$$\Phi: (f, x) \in \text{Hol}(N, X) \times N \rightarrow f(x) \in X$$

is a holomorphic mapping, which is proper for every fixed  $x \in N$ . Moreover, Hol(N, X) is a Zariski open subset of a compact complex space.

Sketch of the proof. Let  $\text{Hol}(\bar{N}, \bar{X})$  be the space of all holomorphic mappings from  $\bar{N}$  into  $\bar{X}$  with compact-open topology. Then, by Theorem (1.1) the mapping

$$f \in \text{Hol}(N, X) \rightarrow \bar{f} \in \text{Hol}(\bar{N}, \bar{X})$$

is an into-homeomorphism. Hence we identify the topological space  $\text{Hol}(N, X)$  with its image in  $\text{Hol}(\bar{N}, \bar{X})$ . By making use of the distance decreasing property of hyperbolic distance for holomorphic mappings, we see that  $\text{Hol}(N, X)$  is relatively compact. The complete hyperbolicity of  $X$  implies that  $\text{Hol}(N, X)$  is open and closed in  $\text{Hol}(\bar{N}, \bar{X})$  and then Theorem (1.1) yields that the topological closure of  $\text{Hol}(N, X)$  in  $\text{Hol}(\bar{N}, \bar{X})$  is a compact complex subspace which contains  $\text{Hol}(N, X)$  as a Zariski open subset. The complete hyperbolicity of  $X$  also implies that  $\Phi(\cdot, x): \text{Hol}(N, X) \rightarrow X$  is proper for every fixed  $x \in N$ . Q.E.D.

In general, let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  be two complex spaces. For a holomorphic mapping  $f: Y_1 \rightarrow Y_2$ , we set

$$\text{rank } f = \sup \left\{ \dim_t Y_1 - \dim_t f^{-1}(f(t)); t \in Y_1 \right\}.$$

The following proposition follows from Lemma (1.2). It reveals a special nature of the complex analyticity of holomorphic mappings but is less known.

**Proposition (1.4).** Assume that  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are compact. Let  $\{f_\nu\}_{\nu=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of points of  $\text{Hol}(Y_1, Y_2)$  converging to  $f \in \text{Hol}(Y_1, Y_2)$ . If  $\text{rank } f_\nu = k$ , then  $\text{rank } f = k$ .

We set

$$\text{Hol}(k; N, X) = \{f \in \text{Hol}(N, X); \text{rank } f = k\}.$$

**Corollary (1.5).**  $\text{Hol}(k; N, X)$  is open and closed in  $\text{Hol}(N, X)$ .

## §2. The moduli $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash D)$

In this section we deal with the case where  $X$  is the quotient  $\Gamma \backslash D$  of a symmetric bounded domain  $D$  by a torsion-free discrete subgroup  $\Gamma$  of  $\text{Aut}(D)$ . We assume that  $\Gamma$  is uniform or an arithmetic subgroup of  $\text{Aut}^0(D)$ . In the case where  $\Gamma$  is uniform and  $N = \bar{N}$ , the results of this section were already obtained in [20, 21, 18]. We are mainly interested in the case where  $\Gamma \backslash D$  and  $N$  are non-compact, while our arguments work in the compact case. Let  $l(D)$  (resp.  $l(\Gamma)$ ) denote the maximum dimension of proper boundary components of  $D$  (resp.  $\Gamma$ -rational boundary components). Let

$\text{Hol}(k; N, \Gamma \setminus D)$  denote the set of all holomorphic mappings  $f: N \rightarrow \Gamma \setminus D$  with  $\text{rank } f = k$ . Applying the results of the previous section, we have

**Theorem (2.1).** i)  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)$  carries a structure of a complex space compatible with compact-open topology, such that the evaluation mapping

$$\Phi: (f, x) \in \text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D) \times N \rightarrow f(x) \in \Gamma \setminus D$$

is holomorphic. Moreover,  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)$  is a Zariski open subset of the compact complex space  $\overline{\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)}$ <sup>1)</sup>, and satisfies the universality property; i.e., for a complex space  $T$  and a holomorphic mapping  $\psi: T \times N \rightarrow \Gamma \setminus D$ , the natural mapping

$$t \in T \rightarrow \psi(t, \cdot) \in \text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)$$

is holomorphic.

ii) Every connected component of  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)$  is complete hyperbolic and the holomorphic mappings

$$\Phi_x: f \in \text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D) \rightarrow f(x) \in \Gamma \setminus D$$

are proper for all  $x \in N$ .

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1)  $\overline{\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)}$  is the closure of  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)$  in  $\text{Hol}(\overline{N}, \overline{\Gamma \setminus D})$ .

- iii)  $\text{Hol}(k; N, \Gamma \setminus D)$  are open and closed in  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)$ .
- iv)  $\text{Hol}(k; N, \Gamma \setminus D)$  are compact for  $k > \varrho(\Gamma)$ .
- v)  $\text{Hol}(k; N, \Gamma \setminus D)$  are finite for  $k > \varrho(D)$ .

In the rest of this section, we study in details the structure of  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \setminus D)$ , assuming that  $\bar{N}$  is Kähler and  $\partial N$  is a hypersurface with only simple normal crossings. We use the following result on harmonic mappings by [18]:

(2.2) Let  $F: N \rightarrow \Gamma \setminus D$  and  $G: N \rightarrow \Gamma \setminus D$  be free homotopic harmonic mappings with finite energy. Then there is a harmonic mapping  $\Psi: \mathbb{R} \times N \rightarrow \Gamma \setminus D$  with respect to the product metric  $dt \oplus h$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times N$  such that

- i)  $\Psi(0, x) = F(x)$ ,  $\Psi(1, x) = G(x)$  and  $\Psi$  provides a free homotopy between  $F$  and  $G$ , equivalent to the given one;
- ii) for every  $x \in N$ , the curve  $\gamma_x: t \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \Psi(t, x) \in \Gamma \setminus D$  is a parametrization of a geodesic with constant speed, independent of  $x$ , and  $e(\Psi(t, \cdot))(x)$  is constant in  $t$ .

**Lemma (2.3).** Let  $F$  and  $G$  be as in (2.2). If  $F$  is holomorphic, then so is  $G$ .

Remark. 1) In case  $N$  is compact, this is a theorem due to Lichnerowicz (cf. Theorem (8.6) of [4]).

2) Since (2.2) actually holds for harmonic mappings from a complete Riemannian manifold with finite volume into a complete Riemannian manifold with non-positive sectional curvatures, Lemma (2.3) is also true for harmonic mappings  $F$  and  $G$  from a complete Kähler manifold with finite volume into a complete Kähler manifold with non-positive sectional curvatures, provided that  $F$  and  $G$  have finite energies.

The main result is the following:

**Theorem (2.4).** i)  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash D)$  is smooth and quasi-projective.

ii) For a connected component  $Z$  of  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash D)$  and a point  $x \in N$ , the evaluation mapping at  $x$

$$\phi_x: f \in Z \rightarrow f(x) \in \Gamma \backslash D$$

is a proper holomorphic immersion onto a totally geodesic complex submanifold, so that  $Z$  is a free quotient of a symmetric bounded domain.

iii) For a connected component  $Z$  of  $\text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash D)$ , there is a normal complex projective variety  $\tilde{Z}$  such that  $Z$  is hyperbolically imbedded into  $\tilde{Z}$  and  $\phi_x$  holomorphically extends to  $\bar{\phi}_x: \tilde{Z} \rightarrow \overline{\Gamma \backslash D}$ .

iv)  $\dim \text{Hol}(k; N, \Gamma \backslash D) \leq \ell(D)$  for  $k > 0$ .



- v) For  $f \in \text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash D)$  with  $\bar{f}^{-1}(\partial \Gamma \backslash D) \neq \emptyset$ ,  
 $\dim_f \text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash D) \leq \ell(\Gamma)$ .

As a corollary, we have the following.

**Corollary (2.5) (Rigidity).** Let  $f: N \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash D$  be a holomorphic mapping. Then  $f$  is a unique holomorphic mapping among the free homotopy class of  $f$ , if  $f$  satisfies one of the following conditions:

- a) The image of  $f$  is not contained in a totally geodesic complex proper submanifold of  $\Gamma \backslash D$ ;  
 b)  $\text{rank } f > \ell(D)$ ;  
 c)  $\bar{f}^{-1}(\partial \Gamma \backslash D) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{rank } f > \ell(\Gamma)$ .

In general, a holomorphic mapping  $f \in \text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash D)$  admits a deformation (cf. [5]). But in the special case where  $D$  is the  $n$ -th product  $H^n$  of the upper half plane  $H^2$ , we see that any  $f \in \text{Hol}(N, \Gamma \backslash H^n)$  is rigid. That is, by making use of the rigidity Theorem 6 of [6], we have

**Theorem (2.6).** Let  $\Gamma \subset (\text{PSL}(2, \mathbb{R}))^n$  be an irreducible torsion-free discrete subgroup with  $\text{Vol}(\Gamma \backslash H^n) < \infty$ . Then

- i) if  $f: N \rightarrow \Gamma \backslash H^n$  is a non-constant holomorphic mapping,  $f$  is a unique holomorphic mapping among the free homotopy class of  $f$ ,

so that

ii) there are only finitely many non-constant holomorphic mappings from  $N$  into  $\Gamma \backslash H^n$ .

Remark. 1) It must be noted that if  $\Gamma \backslash H^n$  is not compact, then  $\Gamma$  is arithmetic ([12]). Therefore  $\Gamma$  satisfies our requirement for discrete subgroups.

2) In the case of  $\dim N = 1$ , i) was proved in [6].

3) By the same arguments as in [15], we see that the Kähler assumption for  $\bar{N}$  is not necessary in ii). The proof is reduced to the present case.

4) For a compact quotient  $\Gamma \backslash H^2$  and a compact complex manifold  $N$ , ii) was proved in [15]. For an algebraic curve  $N$  and compact  $\Gamma \backslash H^n$ , it was proved in [6].

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